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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]

ATTENTION: [redacted]

TO: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance
Group, COM

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID(NPIC)

SUBJECT: Search of Tarim Basin

REFERENCES: Requirement No. C-SI3-80,640
CIA Project No. C 1375-63

1. A search of a part of the Tarim Basin covered by KEYHOLE Mission [redacted] revealed a large installation that apparently has four distinct components, namely, laboratory, housing, administration, and support, which is located at 39-42N 76-08E, approximately 15½ nautical miles (nm) SSE of Kashgar, China (39-28N 75-59E). The installation is served by good roads and relatively wide streets and is secured by a combination wall and fence. Various sections of the installation appear separately secured. At least thirty large research/laboratory-type buildings, thirty-five apartment buildings, a number of individual houses, approximately thirteen large administrative/classroom-type buildings, a number of large storage and support type buildings and several large and small unidentified buildings are evident.

2. It appears that the installation has its own power plant. Construction activity is still evident at the installation; however, it is probably for expansion purposes since the installation appears completed and operational.

3. The earliest good quality photography of the installation is KEYHOLE Mission [redacted] and it appears that the installation had been completed at that time since no major changes are evident on the current coverage.

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5. The photo analyst on this project is [redacted]
He may be contacted on extension 4935 should you have further
questions regarding the requirement.

6. This memorandum is sent in partial response to the
referenced requirement. A photograph will be forwarded as
soon as available.

